

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen and School Committee

— OF THE —

TOWN OF SANBORNTON,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1874.

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REPORT.

The Selectmen charge themselves with Cash received
from all sources, as follows :

Received of E. D. Weeks, Treasurer, 1872,	\$1,406 97
“ A. B. Sanborn,	100 00
“ P. L. Young,	1,985 27
“ A. C. Prescott,	255 92
“ C. W. Colby,	1,422 00
“ Joshua Wood,	1 90
“ Janette Wadleigh,	635 00
“ Dearborn Taylor,	900 00
“ Rufus Howe,	25 00
“ C. B. Burley,	250 00
“ First Baptist Church and Society,	113 00
“ J. S. Wallis,	1,617 00
“ Railroad Tax,	98 38
“ Savings Bank Tax,	1,095 45
“ Literary Fund,	109 47
“ Norris M. Weeks, Collector, 1869,	3 42
“ Thomas Webster, “ 1870,	15 64
“ “ “ 1871,	52 92
“ S. M. Woodman, “ 1872,	615 21
Amount committed to S. M. Woodman, 1873,	9,985 50
Received of State Treasurer in Bonds,	10,100 00
“ “ “ Cash,	17 50
“ “ “ Interest on Bonds,	1,209 00
“ S. M. Woodman, interest on J. S. Clark's note,	40 50
“ Belknap County, for paupers,	25 25
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	\$32, 080 30

Which is accounted for as follows:

Paid Out-standing bills,	\$304 17
Bills for the Poor,	145 00
On notes,	8,581 91
For Schools,	1,562 19
Religious Societies,	77 71.
Damage to Sheep, by Dogs,	77 00

Paid on Roads in Summer.

District Number 1,	\$55 00
" " 2,	28 72
" " 3,	81 68
" " 4,	21 25
" " 5,	11 50
" " 6,	21 25
" " 7,	8 75
" " 8,	6 50
" " 9,	10 10
" " 10,	13 34
" " 11,	39 65
" " 12,	17 06
" " 13,	10 30
" " 15,	10 00
" " 16,	23 81
" " 17,	4 50
" " 18,	8 12
" " 19,	18 00
" " 20,	23 10
" " 21,	22 00
" " 22,	33 00
" " 23,	35 25
" " 24,	54 60
" " 25,	19 65
" " 26,	9 00

District Number 27,	\$16 70
“ “ 28,	13 50
“ “ 29,	44 45
“ “ 30,	9 00
“ “ 31,	12 50
“ “ 32,	11 92
“ “ 33,	11 00
“ “ 34,	11 00
“ “ 35,	11 00
“ “ 37,	7 05
“ “ 38,	32 25
“ “ 39,	9 00
“ “ 40,	13 32
“ “ 41,	12 90
“ “ 42,	15 75
“ “ 44,	30 50
“ “ 45,	8 25
“ “ 46,	9 00
“ “ 47,	16 20
“ “ 48,	7 00
“ “ 50,	4 50
“ “ 53,	17 15
“ “ 54,	13 40
“ “ 55,	14 00
“ “ 56,	4 10
Paid for plank and labor, for bridges,	116 98
“ E. D. Weeks, labor and expenses,	29 50
“ J. N. Sanborn, “ “	25 50
“ H. B. Philbrook, “ “	29 33
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	\$1,144 43

Paid on Roads in Winter.

District Number 1,	\$9 40
“ “ 2,	36 50
“ “ 4,	14 52

District Number 5.

		\$22 65
"	6,	14 70
"	7,	9 00
"	8,	16 80
"	9,	4 35
"	10,	4 87
"	12,	4 48
"	13,	13 88
"	14,	14 45
"	16,	7 80
"	17,	20 70
"	18,	4 20
"	19,	5 45
"	20,	6 75
"	21,	8 77
"	22,	10 42
"	23,	29 99
"	24,	22 27
"	25,	18 98
"	26,	12 22
"	27,	16 05
"	28,	3 23
"	29,	8 35
"	30,	13 27
"	31,	5 48
"	32,	10 69
"	33,	20 17
"	34,	54 72
"	35,	14 88
"	36,	6 72
"	37,	11 80
"	38,	22 89
"	39,	8 70
"	40,	10 10
"	41,	7 42
"	42,	21 94

District Number 43,	\$3 60
“ “ 44,	14 90
“ “ 45,	22 66
“ “ 46,	10 57
“ “ 47,	13 20
“ “ 48,	5 25
“ “ 50 and 54,	8 82
“ “ 51,	2 00
“ “ 52,	3 05
“ “ 53,	11 70
“ “ 55,	19 35
“ “ 56,	6 31
Allowed on private roads,	17 73
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	\$ 688 70

Paid Current Expenses.

Paid George L. Gladding, labor on Town House,	\$9 00
O. A. J. Vaughn, collector's receipts,	3 50
A. L. Knowlton, bond and interest,	109 00
C. Emerson, damage to ox,	30 00
N. Johnson, stationery, &c.,	2 52
Morrill & Silsby, inventory books,	2 40
Auditors,	6 00
Chase Rollins, zinc, &c., for Town House,	1 57
H. P. Wilson, paint for Town House,	1 66
B. W. Sanborn & Co., collector's book,	1 00
Eastman, Page & Albin, counsel in Bond case,	300 00
W. F. Payne, sawing wood for Town House,	1 00
M. T. Runnels, services as School Committee,	73 00
T. J. Whipple, retaining fee in Bond case,	10 00
B. P. Gale, rent of draw in safe, at Laconia,	10 00
H. B. Philbrick, labor on Town House,	10 30
J. M. Taylor, for stamps and stationery,	1 00
“ taking depositions, and for certificates in pauper cases,	3 00

Paid J. M. Taylor, Services as Town Clerk,	\$41 00
A. C. Leavitt, shingle for Town House,	9 00
E. D. Weeks, Overseer of poor, expenses in pauper cases,	13 50
E. D. Weeks, services as Selectman,	86 00
J. N. Sanborn, services as Treasurer,	30 00
“ “ Selectman,	73 00
“ Overseer of poor, and expenses in pauper cases,	21 75
J. N. Sanborn, horse and expenses out of town,	5 75
H. B. Philbrook, services as Selectman,	80 00
S. M. Woodman, collecting taxes, 1873,	100 00
A. W. Brown, selectmen's board,	48 00
“ lumber for Town House,	1 25

Recapitulation.

Cash received,	\$32,080 30
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Paid out-standing bills,	\$304 17
Bills for the poor,	145 00
On notes,	8,581 91
For schools,	1,562 19
Religious Societies,	77 71
Damage to sheep, by dogs,	77 00
State Tax,	1,866 00
County Tax,	1,950 09
Current expenses,	1,084 20
Roads and bridges, in summer,	1,144 43
“ “ winter,	688 70
Abated taxes,	91 38
Uncollected taxes,	1,343 46
Cash in Treasury,	3,164 06
Bonds in “	10,000 00
	\$32,080 30

Respectfully submitted,

ELEAZER D. WEEKS,	} Selectmen of Sanbornton.
JOSEPH N. SANBORN,	
HIRAM B. PHILBROOK,	

Mar. 3, 1874. We, the undersigned, have carefully examined the foregoing accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched. We further say, that we have cast, and find the full indebtedness by note, including the School and Parsonage fund note, March 1, 1874, as follows:—

Amount of notes due from the Town, Mar. 1, 1874, \$34,102 44

O. E. BROWN, JOHN B. HUSE, SAMUEL D. WEEKS.	}	<i>Auditors.</i>
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Financial condition of the Town, March 1, 1874.

Amount of notes due from the Town,	\$34,102 44
Out-standing bills, by estimate,	100 00
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Claims due the Town.

United States Bounty,	\$1,740 30
Tax on S. M. Woodman's book, 1872,	19 90
“ “ “ 1873,	1,343 46
Joseph S. Clark, note,	675 00
Seventeen shares Railroad Stock,	170 00
State Bonds in Treasury,	10,000 00
Cash in Treasury,	3,164 06
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Amount of Assets,	\$17,112 72
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Balance against the Town,	\$17,089 72

School Committee's Report.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

CALEF HILL. George W. Copp, Prudential Committee.

Four different individuals were employed as teachers during the three terms of school, the first and second terms being reckoned together in Tabular Report. Miss Mahala Batchelder taught the summer term of eight weeks. School orderly ; teacher dignified and apparently "master of the situation," though this her first attempt at teaching. Little classes showed marked improvement in spelling.

Miss Estelle Lyford, of Canterbury, taught the Fall term of six weeks. One of the best examinations in mathematical Geography. Miss Arianna H. Lyford, of Canterbury commenced the Winter term and continued three weeks, with a bright prospect of success before her, when she was obliged to leave, on account of ill health. Miss Luthera W. Sanborn, of Tilton, completed the term, with faithful labor and satisfactory progress. Yet it *seems* an unfavorable providence by which so many teachers were brought to instruct the same school within so short a time. The *material* of this school has also become more mixed and heterogeneous than formerly, requiring greater care on the part of the teachers, and more of mutual forbearance among the pupils.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

SQUARE. George Woodward, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary A. Robinson, teacher, Summer term. Commendable enthusiasm awakened among the pupils, and the mechanical reading of the younger classes broken up ; but not sufficient self-reliance at final examination, especially on the part of scholars in Mental Arithmetic.

Miss Etta J. Woodward taught a long term in the fall and winter. Labored under obvious disadvantages from this being her first attempt at teaching, in her own district, where so recently a scholar. Yet the pupils, being mostly young, made decided advancement, and the order of the school room, the last two or three weeks, was sensibly improved. It is an open question, whether an older and more experienced teacher in the *winter* would not have given more general satisfaction to the inhabitants of the district.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

HUNKINS. Andrew P. Gilman, Prudential Committee.

The district having expended \$150 in repairing their school house, the school commenced in August; first term of six weeks under Miss Maria L. Lane, of Tilton, whose regimen was quiet, orderly and effective of good results in the progress of her pupils.

Mr. Otis S. Sanborn brought his long experience as a teacher very favorably to bear upon their continued progress during the next term, laboring as "a prophet not without honor" in his own district, at the same compensation per month as was paid to the female teacher, and faithfully grounding his pupils in the principles of things, especially in Arithmetic. Closing examination and speaking exercises, were well worthy of, at least, a single visitor.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

MEADOW. E. Keasor, Prudential Committee.

Miss Ella Woodman, teacher in the Summer. Miss Sarah P. Comerford, of Tilton, in the Winter. Both terms eminently successful. The closing examination of the Winter school, the last, and one of the best, attended in town. There was evidence of thoroughness in every department, of hard work and of real mental discipline. A larger number of adult pupils than in any other school; an old fashioned Grammar class; Rhetorical exercises at the close of each term, as ever in this school, of a

very high order, both for the sentiment of the pieces, and the style of rendering. An effort was made in the spring, by petition and public hearing before the joint boards of the Selectmen and School Committee, to change the bounds of this district, and annex a portion of the same to District No. 5. Petition not granted.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

BAY. T. B. Mason, Prudential Committee.

Miss Alice Woodman, teacher in the Summer. An element of cheerfulness most happily infused, as in no other school, by vocal music; the teacher furnishing a cabinet organ. Her methods, otherwise, approvable; familiar definitions of words, required in reading, and the peculiar excellencies of Willson's spelling books, over-looked by many teachers, well brought out.

Miss Ella A. Brown, of Tilton, teacher of the Winter term. The school presented a fair appearance at both examinations. *Rules* in Arithmetic readily recited, but a deficiency in applying them to practice on the blackboard. Voices not loud enough. Not sufficient thoroughness in elementary principles, but good map drawing and explanations, and one of the best concert recitations of the Ten Commandments anywhere witnessed.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

MORRISON. Benjamin Burley, Prudential Committee.

Miss Addie M. Brown, instructor, both terms. School small, and only visited at the beginning and close of the short term of six weeks, and at the commencement of the longer term of ten. Scholars are reported by the teacher as "willingly obedient to the rules of school," and as having studied hard and made good improvement." The teacher's labors are favorably spoken of by the patrons of the school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

STONE BRIDGE. N. J. Shute, Prudential Committee.

Miss Linda W. Harris commenced her labors as a teacher dur-

ing the first term and speedily took high rank among the teachers of town, proving herself quick, earnest, efficient and not confined to her text-books. The pupils, not only by their thoroughness in recitation, but by their good taste in trimming the school house, seemed inclined to "make the best" of the antiquated, uncomfortable structure in which assembled.

Miss Lizzie A. Merrill was teacher the second term of nine weeks, but the school closed while your Committee was necessarily absent from town, suggesting that the Board ought to consist, as formerly, of more than one individual.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

CORNER. Parker Quimby, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary O. Taylor, teacher during the only term of thirteen weeks, under whom the school appeared well at the first visit. Its sudden close prevented a second visitation, but the teacher is reported to have sustained her former good reputation, and to have given satisfaction to her employers.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

CHAPEL. Fred Osgood, Prudential Committee.

Miss Carrie P. Taylor, teacher during the only and very successful term of thirteen weeks. Many small pupils, and some who never before knew anything of the school-room. But order was brought out of the comparative confusion witnessed at the first visit, and on every point on which improvement was *suggested* it was found to have been *made*. Geography, alone, was less successfully taught, owing to the number of classes and diversity of text-books.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

NEW STATE. Gustavus B. Wadleigh, Prudential Committee.

Miss Carrie P. Taylor taught the first term of eight weeks. Miss Lizzie S. Morgan, of Salisbury, the second, of seven weeks. Both terms marked by improvement, though some of the boys, at the close of the Summer school, seemed too playfully inclined

and gave evidence of indifferent application, *on their part*, especially in Arithmetic. Miss Morgan is a teacher of large experience, but needed a longer term in which to do full justice to herself and the school.

DISTRICT NO. 11.

OSGOOD. S. D. Weeks, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mary A. Hersey, teacher, both terms, who accomplished a good work very quietly, fine progress having been noticed among the pupils, especially in writing and arithmetic.

DISTRICT NO. 12.

BROOK. Nathaniel Prescott, Prudential Committee.

Mrs. Cynthia A. Hill, sole teacher during seventeen weeks. This school still maintains its pre-eminence as one of the best in town, presenting a development of talent on the part of individuals not elsewhere seen, and containing the three decidedly best scholars, of their ages, respectively, 5, 8 and 16.

DISTRICT NO. 13.

NORTH SANBORNTON. Center Smith, Prudential Committee.

Miss Mattie Perley here instructed six pupils, (on an average attendance,) some over 16 weeks, making a successful commencement of her work as a teacher, while the pupils could hardly do otherwise than show a marked improvement under her patient and protracted labors.

DISTRICT NO. 16.

MORRILL. David Shaw, Prudential Committee.

Taught by Miss Hattie N. Thompson, with as much enthusiasm as a school of five pupils, at first, reduced, afterwards, to three, would naturally arouse. Some favorable specimens of blackboard drill.

The above statements are *honestly* made, without regard to fear of offence or hope of approval; *not* as infallible decisions, but simply as "notes and impressions" upon the condition and success of our schools.

The "Ten Commandments" were required as a special branch of study during the first term in each district. To encourage this, prize testaments, at least one to every school, were given at my own expense. A great majority of the scholars have thus committed to memory this "most comprehensive compendium of ethics," and very gratifying recitations, usually by the whole school in concert, were listened to in the schools of Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 10. My *warrant* for taking this course is found in the laws of the State, (Compiled Statutes, p. 179,) and in the evident *need* of moral instruction, at the present day, among the youth of our land.

Our school rooms all lacking a simple apparatus to illustrate the principles of elementary geography, and some teachers, even, being deficient in the same, I gave to each school a familiar lecture upon the motions and circles of the earth, illustrated by a small globe. The good result of this was afterward seen in some cases.

Prudential Committees should ever bear in mind that the interests of the *pupils* and not of the *teachers* are to be consulted in expending the District's money entrusted to their care.

The people of this town are deplorably negligent, as a whole, in respect to *visiting* the schools in which their own children are being educated. A greater part of the "visits by other citizens" in column 19, tabular statement, were *not* the visits of *parents and guardians*, but of the *young friends* of teachers and older pupils. Vocal music fails, as yet, to take the prominence it merits, as one of the legally authorized "branches" in our schools.

The tabular statement is modeled after that of last year, with the omission of the "amount of Money in each School District," (for which, this year, see Selectmen's report,) and the addition

of the "Numbers attending to each study," which I find the law requires me to give. For those attending to reading and spelling, in each District, see column 2. The numbers of entirely punctual scholars, (column 12) are so much greater than on any preceeding year that the printing of a "Roll of Honor" is, this year, for economy's sake, dispensed with. This suggested increase of punctuality is gratifying; yet tardiness has swollen into large proportions, a *part* of the year, in some of our Districts, as seen from column 9.

It can readily be determined by comparing the numbers in columns 2 and 3, and noticing in which districts the "average" of a given term most nearly *equals* the "whole number" of the same term, which schools stand *highest* for punctual attendance, the palm in this matter being evidently due to the Summer term of District No. 7. All of which, with appended Tabular Statement, is respectfully submitted, by

MOSES T. RUNNELS,

School Committee.

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		Number of District.	
1st.	T. No. of Scholars over 4 y'rs, attending 2 weeks.	1st.	Average Attendance.
2d.	No. over 16, attending.	1st.	No. between 4 and 14, not attending.
2d.	Wages of Teachers per mo., including board.	1st.	Average amount expended on each scholar.
2d.	Length of School in weeks.	1st.	No. of instances of tardiness.
2d.	No. Scholars not tardy.	1st.	No. present every half-day.
2d.	No. neither absent, tardy or dismissed.	1st.	Pennmanship.
2d.	Arithmetic.	1st.	Grammar.
2d.	Geography.	1st.	Composition and Higher Branches.
2d.	No. of visits by Prudential Committee.	1st.	No. of visits by other citizens.

